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IF ACCESS NOT ALREADY GRANTED, EMBASSY SHOULD INCORPORATE
FOLLOWING LANGUAGE IN WRITTEN PROTEST REGARDING GOA'S
FAILURE TO GRANT CONSULAR ACCESS TO FATHER WEEKS: QUOTE
THE EMBASSY WISHES TO PROTEST IN STRONGEST TERMS THIS
VIOLATION OF THE 1963 VIENNA CONVENTION ON CONSULAR
RELATIONS TO WHICH THE US AND ARGENTINA ARE PARTIES.
ARTICLE 36, PARA 1, SUBPARA (A) STATES QUITE CLEARLY
THAT CONSULAR OFFICERS SHALL BE FREE TO COMMUNICATE WITH
NATIONALS OF THE SENDING STATE AND TO HAVE ACCESS TO THEM.
NATIONALS OF THE SENDING STATE SHALL HAVE THE SAME FREEDOM
WITH RESPECT TO COMMUNICATION WITH AND ACCESS TO CONSULAR
OFFICERS OF THE SENDING STATE. PARA 2 OF ARTICLE 36 DOES
INDICATE THAT THE RIGHT IS EXERCISED IN CONFORMITY WITH
THE LAWS AND REGULATIONS OF THE RECEIVING STATE; HOWEVER,
THOSE LAWS MUST 'ENABLE FULL EFFECT TO BE GIVEN TO THE
PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE RIGHTS ACCORDED UNDER THIS ARTICLE
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ARE INTENDED.' IN OTHER WORDS, THE LAWS OF THE COUNTRY

MUST BE CONSISTENT WITH ART. 36. END QUOTE. HABIB

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